

## Commissioner Honors R/S Truck Body and Godwin Manufacturing for Donations

Over the past year, many KY Tech welding programs have greatly benefited from truckloads of aluminum and sheet metal donations made by the Allen, KY partnership of R/S Truck Body Co., Inc. and Godwin Manufacturing Co., Inc. DTE Commissioner Emil Jezik and former Regional Director Finley Begley recently visited the southeastern KY company to honor R/S Truck Body Plant Manager John Horn,

DTE Commissioner Emil Jezik (third from left) presents Plant Manager John Horn (to the right of Jezik) a plaque to recognize outstanding contributions to technical education. Others in the photo from left to right include Finley Begley, Jackie Lawson, Press & Shear Supervisor; Jezik, Horn, and Gary May, Purchasing Manager.



Purchasing Manager Gary May and Press & Shear Supervisor Jackie Lawson for their support of technical education.

You might be wondering how this entire offer of goodwill began. “During a DTE administrator’s meeting, one of the principals suggested that this company might be a good source for metal,” says Begley. “I decided to stop in to see if company officials were interested in donating supplies to help technical education programs. Mr. May opened the door for this process and our students have become the beneficiaries. It was definitely worth the time invested in the stop.”

While both companies operate independently of one another, each gets what they need from the other and both





serve their respective markets. Both companies build steel and aluminum products and have blended their strengths in a partnership to become the largest truck body manufacturer in the United States.

When building steel and aluminum products, there is a certain amount of residual from each project. When there is enough scrap material for a pick-up load, Jackie Lawson gives Begley a call. This in turn prompts pick-up and delivery of materials to KY Tech welding instructors for use in their classrooms.

“These donations have come at a time when school supply budgets need it the most,” says Begley. “We are thankful that our students have been provided with the material they need to learn the fundamentals of welding.”

Editor’s Note: John Horn is a former Martin Co. ATC student and understands the value of technical education. His mother, Donna Horn, is a former Martin Co. ATC business and office instructor who recently retired with 30+ years in the system.



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